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ABSTRACT

This book presents strategies that African American parents have used to pass on a legacy of excellence to their daughters, focusing on how and why these young African American women have succeeded. Information comes from interviews with and surveys of young women college students and college graduates and their parents. The book includes seven chapters that focus on (1) "Successful African American Young Women and Their Families"; (2) "Mothers of Academically Successful Daughters: The Mothers' Voices"; (3) "Fathers of Academically Successful Daughters: The Fathers' Voices"; (4) "A Diversity of Family Contexts: The Daughters' Voices"; (5) "Parenting and Educating for Success in Math and Science: Early Childhood through College"; (6) "Becoming a Black Woman: A Closer Look at Personal, Cultural, and Emotional Challenges"; and (7) "Raising Successful African American Young Women: What We Have Learned." Two appendices present an overview of the study procedures and descriptions of minority student development programs. (Contains approximately 300 references.) (SM)

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